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Applicants:	Tadashi Kondo, *et al.*
Application No.:	10/681,095
Filed:	October 9, 2003
For:	EXHAUST PIPE STRUCTURE
Group Art Unit:	3618
Confirmation No.:	8119
Examiner:	BRIDGET D. AVERY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 23, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the species pertaining to Figures 1-6, on which claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 19, 26, 27, 28 and 33 are readable and further select the sub-species pertaining to Figure 13, on which claims 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 are readable. Applicants make this election without traverse and assert that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 33 are generic.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4419 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to any fees due under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 or 1.136 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 22, 2006

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